

Financial Aid Checklist

Step One:

Complete FAFSA Form by April 1st

In order to apply for financial aid, you must first complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form each year you are seeking financial aid. Based on the information you and your family provide on the FAFSA, an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will be calculated. This is the amount of money you and/or your parents are expected to contribute towards your educational costs. For faster processing, submit the FAFSA electronically (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>), or pick up a paper application from Financial Aid at the University Center. You will need data from your prior year's federal income tax report to complete the form. You must first apply for a Pin Number before beginning your FAFSA (www.pin.ed.gov). Call 1-800-4-FEDAID for assistance.

You will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail from the U.S. Department of Education. Review the information carefully for accuracy. If corrections need to be made, make them on the SAR and take it to the UAA Office of Student Financial Aid at the University Center.

Step Two:

Apply for Admission to UAA

Students wishing to apply for financial aid must be officially admitted to a degree-seeking program. (A degree-seeking student is one interested in obtaining an undergraduate or graduate degree.) To apply online, visit: <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/admissions/index.cfm>.

Step Three:

Register for Classes

Meet with your assigned academic advisor to choose classes. Contact the Student Services Office in the College of Education to schedule an advising appointment, (907) 786-4401. Register for classes, via UAOnline (Wolflink) from the UAA homepage (<http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/>), using the instructions found in the semester Class Schedule (<http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/records/catalogs/schedules.cfm>).

Step Four:

Register with Selective Services

If you are a male, age 18 to 25, you must register with Selective Services: www.sss.gov.

Step Five:

Receive and Accept Award Letter

After you submit your FAFSA, you will receive an award letter from the UAA Office of Student Financial Aid. It will outline what types of financial aid you qualify for (grants, work study, loans). If you do not receive an award letter within a few weeks, be sure to contact the Financial Aid Office at (907) 786-1586.

Grants: Grants do not need to be repaid and are automatically applied to your student account.

Federal Work Study Program: The University provides employment opportunities for qualified students (based on financial need). Student employment will normally not exceed 20 hours per week during a semester. The student accepts work study by securing a job on campus. The available positions are posted on the Financial Aid website. Once you have chosen a job that interests you, contact the department that has posted the vacancy. If you are hired, the hiring department will complete the necessary hiring paperwork. No work study money is appropriated for the summer. You must maintain satisfactory academic progress to hold a work study job.

Loans: Loans, unlike grants or work study, are borrowed money that *must* be repaid, with interest. You will need to select a lender (i.e., bank or credit union) and complete an Application/Master Promissory Note for each loan program. (A promissory note is the legally binding document that makes you liable for repayment of the loan and states the terms of the loan.) Contact Financial Aid once you have chosen a lender (see lender list at <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/financialaid/lenders.cfm>) and follow their instructions to complete the Master Promissory Note.

Step Six:

Check Your Financial Aid Status Online

You now have 24-hour access to your financial aid information: www.uaonline.alaska.edu. If you have additional questions regarding your financial aid, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at (907) 786-1586.

What You Need to Know About Financial Aid and Scholarship Opportunities



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Purpose of Financial Aid

The primary purpose of financial aid is to help pay the cost of going to college. Besides tuition and books, the cost of transportation and living expenses need to be considered as well. Types of financial aid include scholarships, tuition waivers, graduate assistantships, grants, work study, and loans.

Scholarships

Scholarships are usually awarded for academic achievement or talent. Scholarship guidelines and online application instructions can be found on the UAA financial aid scholarship website: <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/scholarships/>. There are a number of education-specific scholarships for students enrolled in College of Education programs (February 15 application deadline date).

UAA Scholarships

- UAA College of Education Scholarship
- Patty McManamin Endowment for Education
- Lillian Smith Scholarship for Teaching Students
- Sheri Stears Education Scholarship
- Sturgulewski Family Scholarship

UA Foundation Scholarships

- Mike Ardaw Scholarship
- Patricia Ann Hughes Eastaugh Memorial Teaching Scholarship
- Lydia Fohn-Hansen/Lola Hill Memorial Scholarship
- Patty Hamilton Early Childhood Development Scholarship
- Norma J. Hoyt and Marie Paxson Memorial Educational Grants
- Ralph Yetka Memorial Scholarship

Other Education Scholarships

- Central Alaska Retired Teachers Association (C.A.R.T.A.) Scholarship
- Donna Gail Shaw Education Excellence Scholarship (Rho Zeta Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi)

Check with the College of Education Student Services Office in PSB 209 for deadline dates and applications.

AEIN Scholarship

In 2004 the College of Education was awarded a \$9.3 million grant from the federal government. The Alaska Educational Innovations Network (AEIN) was designed to increase the number of teachers who are highly qualified and prepared to teach in Alaska's high-need rural schools, particularly teachers who are members of groups under-represented in the teaching profession (i.e., Alaska Natives, male elementary teachers). Recipients must agree to work in a high-need school in a high-need school district for one year within six months of graduation. The scholarship covers the cost of tuition and student fees for the internship year. Scholarship information is provided to students when they apply for the internship. For more information and to view the list of eligible schools in Alaska, visit the AEIN website: <http://aein.uaa.alaska.edu/Scholarships/Index.htm>.

Visit the Financial Aid website for additional scholarship resources: <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/financialaid/scholarship.cfm>.

Tuition Waivers

The College of Education has a limited number of academic tuition waivers (ATW) available to undergraduate and graduate students. Undergraduate students must be officially enrolled in at least 3 credits at UAA, formally admitted to a degree-seeking or certificate program, and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.8. Graduate students must be formally admitted to a graduate program and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0. Students must also be in current satisfactory academic standing. For additional information and applications, contact the College of Education Student Services Office (786-4401). Applications should be submitted to the appropriate department:

Counseling and Special Education, PSB 225
Educational Leadership, PSB 218
Teaching and Learning, PSB 224

Graduate Assistantships

The College of Education awards graduate assistantships (GTW) to qualified graduate students. Students must be formally admitted to a graduate program by the start of the trimester of the award, in current satisfactory academic standing, and maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0. Graduate assistants work for a maximum of 20 hours per week while school is in session and receive a 9-credit tuition waiver along with a stipend. Students with assistantships must be registered for at least 9 credits during the trimester in which the award is received.

Graduate assistantships may be Teaching Assistants (TA) or Research Assistants (RA). Teaching assistantships may include lecturing, leading discussion groups, serving as an assistant to laboratory classes, counseling students, proctoring examinations, grading tests and papers, working on program assessment activities, and providing general assistance in the instructional process. Research assistants may perform research under the direction or supervision of regular faculty members or support the research initiatives of the college. For additional information and applications, contact the COE Graduate Coordinator in PSB 234K.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

AEIN Summer School Tutoring Program

Students may apply to be a tutor for Anchorage School District elementary summer school students during June and July of each year. Applicants must undergo an application and interview process. Successful applicants will receive a scholarship for the mandatory 10-hour tutoring course taken prior to the summer school session and \$10 per hour for the tutoring. They must commit to tutoring the entire length of the summer school session. This program is sponsored by the AEIN grant and the UAA College of Education. For additional information and application instructions, visit the AEIN website: <http://aein.uaa.alaska.edu/InformationResources.htm>.

Teacher Education Loan (TEL)

In 1986, the Alaska Legislature established the Teacher Education Loan to address the shortage of teachers in rural Alaska. The TEL provides low-cost education loans to Alaskans who are enrolled in or intend to enroll in a teacher education program. Rural school districts annually nominate Alaskans for TELs based on high school academic performance and the student's intent to teach in a rural Alaska school. You must have graduated from an Alaska high school and be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen to apply. TEL application forms are sent to qualified nominees and must be completed and returned by July 1st. For more information, contact AlaskaAdvantage/Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) toll free at (800) 441-2962, or visit their website: www.alaskaadvantage.state.ak.us.

Interest-Free Monthly Payment Option

If you want to pay as you go instead of accumulating student loans, you can apply to the Interest-Free Monthly Payment Option plan through Tuition Management Systems. You first determine your total annual amount by adding together all costs for the year (tuition, room, board/meal plan, etc.). Next, subtract grants, scholarships, loans applied for and deposits paid. A \$60 annual enrollment fee is added to the total and a monthly payment amount calculated. The application deadline date is August of each year. Call 1-888-713-7238 for more information or enroll online at www.afford.com.

Financial Aid FAQs:

<http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/financialaid/frequently-asked-questions.cfm>

Federal Student Aid Website:

<http://studentaid.ed.gov>